the resumption of operations of these units; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps have been taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has appointed Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) as an Operating Agency to prepare a scheme for rehabilitation/revival of both the cement and the jute units. The IRBI has submitted its report to the BIFR on 14-1-1988. The BIFR has not yet finalised its views.

Automation in Tamil Nadu Telecom circle

*367. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of electronic and computerised telephone exchanges operating in Tamil Nadu telecom circle at present;

(b) what are the proposed modernisation plans in Tamil Nadu telecom circle; and

(c) what is the number of manual exchanges in Tamil Nadu at present and by when these are expected to be converted into automatic exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) At present, 2 local electronic telephone exchanges are in operation in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle.

(b) For modernisation of the Telecommunications systems, the following is proposed:—

(i) Digital Electronic Exchanges are proposed to be installed at the following places during the 7th and 8th Plans. Trichy, Coimbatore, Madurai, Erode, Salem, Tirupur, Cuddalore, Gummudipundi, Maraimlai Nagar, Ranipet, Tuticorin (Port Trust) Sivaganga, Athipadu, Tiruporur, Nowaloor, K. K. Chataram, Bommidi, alugoundpalli, Gopinathampathi, Karrimomgalam, Morandahalli, Morrappur, Bahoor, Ambagarathur.

(ii) Crossbar Exchanges of the ICP type are propsed to be installed at:-

Coonoor, Cuddalore, Gudiyatham, Tindivanam, Tirupathur & Koothanalur to replace the existing manual exchanges.

(c) (i) There are 42 manual exchanges in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle, at present.

(ii) These exchanges are proposed to be automatised progressively during the remaining period of 7th Plan and the 8th Plan subject to the availability of automatic exchange equipment.

Conference on Public Sector

*368. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference on Public Sector Management was held recently in which a number of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings and others had participated;

(b) if so, what are the names and other details of the participants;

(c) what are the details of discussions held and recommendations made therein; and

(d) what action has been taken on the recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) A Conference of the Chief

Executives of Central Public Sector Undertakings was held on January 14-15, 1988. The Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings, Senior Government officials from Administrative and other related Ministries and academicians from reputed institutes participated in the deliberations of the Conference. The participants were devided into 5 groups, each group discussing a specific subject of contemporary relevance to public enterprises management. A summary of recommendations made by each of the groups is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLV(Annexure No. 96]. These are under the consideration of the Government.

Workers' Participation in Management of Public Sector Undertakings

*369. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be **pleased to refer** to the answer to Unstarred Question 2503 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1987 and state what progress has so far been made in the implementation of the scheme of workers' participation in the management of public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): As per available information the scheme for Workers' participation in Management announced by Ministry of Labour *vide* its Notification dated 30th December, 1983 has been implemented in shop floor/plant level in 94 Central Public Sector Undertakings. There is no public sector undertaking which has workers' participation at Board Level. However, trade unon leaders have been appointed on the Board of Directors of seven Central Public Sector Undertakings.

*370. [*Transferred to the* **23rd** *March*, 1988].

Production at Bengal Immunity

*371. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Ganashakti of Calcutta dated the 12th January, 1988 to the effect that the nationalised Bengal Immunity is not working at its full capacity; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to shortage of working capital, Bengal Immunity Limited is unable to produce several items to full capacity. In order to improve the working, the company has drawn up a Rehabilitation Plan in consultation with Management Consultants and the Plan has been submitted to Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India who are expected to finalise their views with regard to the Plan shortly.

Price Control of Neurabol-H

*372. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2338 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B1, B6, B12 are exempted from price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Neuroabol-H which is based on the said drugs, has been put under price control; and